

HOUSE BILL No. 1239

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-31-12.

Synopsis: School improvement progress and awards. Establishes additional criteria for determining a school's improvement or performance compared with the school's performance in previous years. Provides a graduated series of awards based on improvement or high performance.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-31-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2008]:

4 **Chapter 12. Additional School Improvement Criteria and**
5 **Awards**

6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, the following terms have the**
7 **following meanings:**

8 (1) "Graduation rate" has the meaning set forth in
9 IC 20-26-13-6.

10 (2) "High achieving" means a score that is in the ninetieth
11 percentile or above on a section of the ISTEP program test.

12 (3) "High performing" means placement by the state board in
13 the exemplary or commendable performance category.

14 (4) "Professional development" refers to activities that
15 conform to the requirements set forth in IC 20-20-31.

16 (5) "Program" refers to the school improvement award
17 program established by section 2 of this chapter.



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1 **Sec. 2. The school improvement award program is established**
2 **to reward schools that:**

3 **(1) show improvement over previous years' academic**
4 **performance; or**

5 **(2) achieve or maintain a high level of academic performance;**
6 **with a graduated series of awards.**

7 **Sec. 3. (a) The department shall administer the program.**

8 **(b) In addition to money appropriated by the general assembly,**
9 **the department may use gifts and grants to provide funding for**
10 **awards under this chapter.**

11 **Sec. 4. In addition to an assessment of improvement under**
12 **IC 20-31-8-1, a school shall have the school's progress in school**
13 **improvement determined by comparing the following performance**
14 **factors with the same performance factors for the school in**
15 **previous years:**

16 **(1) ISTEP scores, with the scores for the following categories**
17 **of students reported and compared separately:**

18 **(A) Minority groups (as defined in IC 4-13-16.5-1).**

19 **(B) Limited English proficiency.**

20 **(C) Students receiving free or reduced price lunch under**
21 **the national school lunch program.**

22 **(D) High achieving.**

23 **(2) Designation as a high performing school.**

24 **(3) For high schools, graduation rates.**

25 **Sec. 5. In addition to grants and awards received under**
26 **IC 20-31-7 and IC 20-31-11, a participating school's progress in**
27 **school improvement may be recognized with a performance award**
28 **in the amount determined by the department.**

29 **Sec. 6. An award granted under this chapter may be used for**
30 **any combination of the following purposes:**

31 **(1) Grants to certificated employees (as defined in**
32 **IC 20-29-2-4) for professional development.**

33 **(2) School programs to increase parental involvement.**

34 **(3) Enhanced curriculum or instruction, or both.**

35 **Sec. 7. The principal of the school receiving an award under this**
36 **chapter shall determine the manner in which the award is to be**
37 **used after consulting a school improvement committee established**
38 **under IC 20-31-5-1.**

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